

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 2, 2013

PRESENT: Marc Schaen (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Will Kingkade, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Chris Morin, and Mike Schiavi.

Members not present: Dave Morganelli, John Tennaro and Vincenzo Valastro

Also present: Zackary Taylor, Town Accountant, Gerry Moody, Town Counsel, Richard Villani, Town Administrator, Bill Buckley, Selectman and Brian Murray, Selectman

Media: Kevin Rudden, Town Crier

Aldo Cecchi moved to approve the 8-16-13 Minutes, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor.

Jerry Hiatt moved to approve the 8-21-13 Minutes, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor.

Aldo Cecchi reported that the SBA has estimated a \$60 million figure for a new school building with the Town's cost at 51% or 52%. Mr. Cecchi informed the committee that the State will reimburse the money. The SBA has been looking at figures and are looking closely at numbers that the Town can afford and will have true numbers in February.

Al Correia reported that his committee will meet with the CIC every three months to come up with interim reports on major projects. Listed major projects are: Dump truck for the Parks Department at \$44,000; New Street Sweeper to replace 1997 one for the Highway Dept. - \$190,000; Air Compressor for the Fire Dept. at \$50,000; New Brush Truck for Fire Dept. at \$345,000; New Pickup Truck for Fire Dept. at \$45,000; Replace Computers for the Police Dept. at \$25,000; New phone system for Town Hall at \$50,000; Consultant for purchase of Water Co. at \$100,000; Roof replacement for Library at \$350,000. Estimated total if funded is \$1.2 million not included is any money for Godfrey Brook project.

Article 6 – Library Roof - \$350,000: Sue Edmonds reported that they have numerous leaks and they need to have a new roof. They gave her this figure with a 20 year warranty and the Finance Committee asked her to come back to next week's meeting with a figure for a 30 year warranty and this will be discussed further.

Article 9 – Town Hall Phone System – Town Administrator Rick Villani reported that the phone system is over 10 years old and they can no longer get parts for repairs. He has looked into purchasing different systems and has a figure of \$22,000. Bob DeVita moved for a favorable recommendation for \$60,000, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 11 – Park Commission – Purchase of one ton dump truck: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor.

Article 13 – Fire Department – Purchase of new air compressor - \$50,000: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor.

Article 14 – Fire Department – Purchase of a new brush truck - \$345,000: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor.

Article 18 – Highway Surveyor – Purchase of a new street sweeper - \$190,000: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Will Kingkade, all in favor.

Article 19 – Fire Chief- Purchase of a new four wheel drive pickup with snow plow - \$45,000: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Will Kingkade, all in favor.

Article 20 – Police Chief – Purchase new computers - \$25,000: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor.

Article 5 – Personnel Board – Classification and Compensation Study of salaried and hourly rated positions - \$4900: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 21 – Vernon Grove Trustees – Purchase of a zero mower - \$13,000: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor.

Article 24 – Police and Fire Chiefs – Retirement and sick leave by-backs - \$100,000: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chris Morin, all in favor.

Article 8 – Police Chief – Amend “Sex Offender Restrictions”: Chuck Miklosovich moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 4 – Highway Surveyor – Hire consulting services for engineering design drawings, plans associated with Route 16/Main Street resurfacing project - \$75,000: Bob DeVita moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor.

Article 10 – Legal Dept. – To pay final bill for expert services regarding Milford Water Co.’s rate increase - \$2000: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor.

Article 7 – Ad Hoc Community Field Committee – Construction of a new restroom/concession building - \$200,000: Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 22 – Brian Murray – Youth Center renovations - \$900,000: Bob DeVita moved to table the Article for future discussion until next Wednesday's meeting, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor.

Article 1 – Selectmen – Fireworks - \$18,000: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Bob DeVita, 9 in favor, 1 opposed.

Article 2 – Selectmen – Diego Drive: Al Correia moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Article 3 – Selectmen – Collective bargaining between Town and Permanent Firefighters Association - \$75,345: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 12 – Selectmen – Authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Town Treasurer: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, 7 in favor, 3 opposed.

Article 15 – Selectmen – Transfer \$32,000 to the School Department: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable Recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor.

Article 16 – Selectmen – Retain consultants to evaluate the possibility of the Town acquiring the Milford Water Co. - \$100,000: Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, 8 in favor, 2 opposed.

Article 17 – Selectmen – Amend their agreement with Enfinity Project Co.: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor.

Article 23 – Selectmen – Establish Information Technology Department for the Town - \$100,000: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 25 – Finance Committee – Transfer funds to the Capital Projects Stabilization Account: Bob DeVita moved to table this Article until new week's meeting, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Article 26 – Finance Committee – Transfer funds to the Town Stabilization Fund - \$1 million: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 27 – Finance Committee – Appropriate money to off-set operating, capital and debt expenses to fix the tax rate for FY14 - \$1 million: Jerry Hiatt moved for favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: Town Warrant